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(M. STURUA COMMENTARY: "THE SCAPEGOAT")

(TEXT) FINALLY! ON 27 SEPTEMBER U.S. PRESIDENT KENNEDY PLACED ON THE RETIREMENT LIST ALLEN DULLES, THE CHIEF OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND APPOINTED THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, JOHN A. MCCONE, TO REPLACE HIM. FINALLY!

THE MOOR HAS DONE HIS WORK AND THE MOOR CAN NOW GO? NO, THE MOOR GOES BECAUSE HE WAS UNABLE TO DO HIS WORK, OR TO BE EXACT, THE WORK ASSIGNED TO HIM BY THE WAR CONCERNS. THIS BEGAN NEITHER TODAY NOR YESTERDAY. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN HIS REPORTS SERVED AS SEDATIVES FOR WASHINGTON. THE SIGNALS OF THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITE LAUNCHED BY THE SOVIET UNION WERE THE FUNERAL BELLS OF HIS CAREER. "WITH WHAT WAS OUR INTELLIGENCE DRUGGED? BY WHAT WAS IT LULLED?" THIS IS WHAT EXASPERATED SENATORS AND MINISTERS ASKED, LIKE SHAKESPEARE'S KING JOHN. SOME OF THEM EVEN REMEMBERED THAT IN ALLEN DULLES' OFFICE WAS A DEEP EASY CHAIR COVERED WITH GREEN LEATHER ON WHICH THE CHIEF OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE LOVED TO SLEEP DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END. ONE AFTER THE OTHER THE BLOWS OF FATE FELL UPON THE GRAY HEAD OF DULLES OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. FIRST THE FAILURE OF THE U.S. ESPIONAGE PILOT POWERS WHO INTRUDED INTO THE SOVIET UNION IN A U-2 PLANE. THEN THE COLLAPSE OF THE AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN CUBA. "I AM THE HEAD OF A SILENT SERVICE AND CANNOT PRAISE BY WARES," ALLEN DULLES LIKED TO SAY. OTHERS TOOK THE TROUBLE FOR HIM: IN THE U-2 CASE SOVIET ROCKET GUNNERS, AND IN THE INTERVENTION CASE THE CUBAN PATRIOTS.

THIS NOISY "ADVERTISEMENT," HOWEVER, PROVED DEADLY FOR DULLES' CAREER. A FAILING INTELLIGENCE MAN IS LIKE A DEVALUATED CURRENCY. HE LET DOWN NOT ONLY HIMSELF BUT ALSO HIS MASTERS. THE MAN WHO ALL HIS LIFE RAVAGED OTHER PEOPLE'S ORCHARDS LIKE A GOAT HAS NOW BEEN TURNED INTO A SCAPEGOAT. NATURALLY IT IS UNPLEASANT TO BECOME A WHIPPING BOY AT THE AGE OF 70, BUT THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE!

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